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A Newsletter For Employees and Retirees

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Dave Jolly Meets the Regional Office Family

by Gloria Weisgerber, Editor
Northern Region News



Dave Jolly

Dave Jolly, recently appointed regional forester for the Northern Region, met some of his staff at a "family meeting" at the Regional Office December 18. After his introduction by Acting Regional Forester John Hughes, Jolly explained that his appointment to the Northern Region was not the most important event in his life at the moment. His number one priority was the impending wedding of his daughter in Tennessee!

Jolly grew up in east Tennessee and spent his first years of employment with the Forest Service in the South. He made reference to the diversity in his professional career, ranging from such positions as deputy director for Timber Management in Washington D. C., to serving as environmental coordinator for the Southern Region in Atlanta.

In acquainting his audience with his management style, Jolly mentioned those qualities he values most: being respectful and helpful to one another, honesty, truthfulness, consistency, and straightforwardness.

His immediate plans are to listen, to observe, and to maintain a "steady as you go" attitude. His goals for the short term are to within a year period feel more comfortable with the forest plans, to have a good rapport with the congressional delegation, and to feel freer to do what needs to be done.

Forest Supervisor Retires

by Allen Gibbs, Public Affairs Specialist
Idaho Panhandle National Forests

William E. Morden, forest supervisor for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) announced his retirement, effective January 3, 1992. Morden, who has 34 years of Federal service, has been forest supervisor at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, since 1983.

A native of Manistique, Michigan, Morden spent the first 14 years of his Forest Service career in the National Forests of the eastern United States, where he became a district ranger and was a Job Corps Center director. He came west in 1976 to the Mt. Hood National Forest in Oregon as a deputy forest supervisor, working for Forest Supervisor Dale Robertson, now chief of the Forest Service.

In 1979, Morden became forest supervisor of the Kootenai National Forest, and in 1983 assumed his position as the second forest supervisor of the IPNF. The forest was created in 1973 when the Kaniksu, Coeur d'Alene, and St. Joe National Forests were combined into a single administrative unit.

Morden and his wife Donna will continue to make their home on Appaloosa Road in Coeur d'Alene.

William E. Damon, Jr., IPNF deputy supervisor, was appointed acting IPNF forest supervisor. Damon came to Coeur d'Alene in 1990 from the Forest Service's headquarters in Washington, D. C., where he was acting assistant director of public safety, overseeing the agency's law enforcement programs.

Tom Puchlerz was named acting deputy supervisor. Puchlerz is from Eureka, Montana, where he has been the Fortine district ranger on the Kootenai National Forest since 1988.



William E. Morden

AWARDS



Dale Gorman presenting award to Joan Bennett

Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center Fund

*by Jane Weber, Interpretive Center Coordinator
Lewis and Clark National Forest*

The Regional Forester's Citizens' Public Service Honor Award, the most prestigious award bestowed by the Northern Region to a person or organization outside the agency, was recently given to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Fund, Inc. Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor Dale Gorman presented the award to Board President Joan Bennett in recognition of the group's unrelenting efforts to raise funds for the Forest Service Interpretive Center to be built in Great Falls.

The non-profit organization was instrumental in securing \$700,000 in state funding to be matched by \$300,000 of locally-raised monies and \$5.6 million from the Federal government.

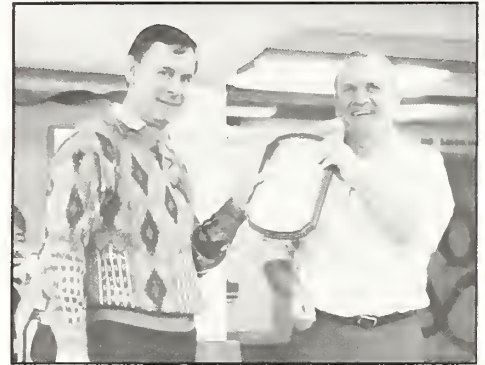
Clark Conrow

*by Cheryl Vanderburg, Student Trainee, Public Affairs
Lolo National Forest*

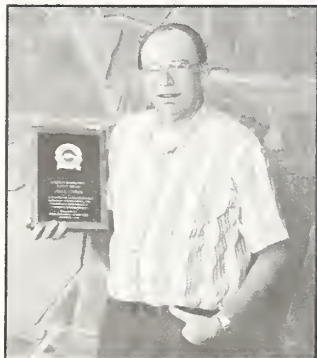
The Lolo National Forest has named Clark Conrow as the recipient of the Vernon Valach Memorial Award, given each year to the Forest's outstanding technician. Conrow is a summer temporary forestry technician on the Lolo's Superior Ranger District.

Recognized was Conrow's contribution in developing the Outdoor School, held annually at the Savenac Nursery. The school is a week-long program that teaches sixth graders about fire ecology, entomology, low-impact camping, and tree and shrub identification.

When not working as a Forest Service dispatcher, Conrow can be found in the classroom at Superior Junior High, where he's a science teacher and athletic director.



*Clark Conrow at left receives
award from Robert Meuchel*



Chuck Raddon

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*by Kathy Thompson, Information Receptionist
Clearwater National Forest*

Chuck Raddon, recreation/wilderness specialist at the Clearwater National Forest Supervisor's Office, was presented with the Resource Management Agency Award by the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association (IOGA). The award is given annually to one person who is employed by a resource management agency and whose work has contributed to enhancing understanding and partnerships with the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Industry.

Recognized were Raddon's efforts to bring together representatives of the IOGA, Forest Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Wilderness Society, Idaho Conservation League, and off-road vehicle groups to discuss issues vital to the health of the environment. The meeting took place in the summer of 1990 in the quiet, picturesque countryside of Hanson Meadows.

Raddon's achievement in assembling the group, many with differing viewpoints, was not lost on the media. The gathering was videotaped by the Public Broadcasting System and aired in August 1991.

Raddon has been with the Clearwater National Forest since 1988. He says the best thing about his job is that he can "get people excited about doing things." The IOGA recognized that indeed Raddon's enthusiasm can be "catching" and expressed their appreciation in presenting him with their Resource Management Agency Award for 1991.



Ron Nelson at left, shown with Bernie Lionberger

AWARDS

Ron Nelson

*by Terri VanGundy, Information Receptionist
Idaho Panhandle National Forests*

October 18 was a day of tension and excitement for the Kilroy area when a helicopter crew contracted by the Forest Service to fight a local fire went down in Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho. Several people, including a Forest Service employee, played a role in the dramatic rescue of the two-man crew.

On the day of the crash, helicopter crews were concerned with boaters coming too close to where the crews were dipping buckets into the lake to get water to dump on the fire. Ron Nelson, assistant fire management officer at the Sandpoint Ranger District, requested that the Bonner County Marine Deputy Unit patrol the area to keep the curiosity seekers back and out of danger.

Soon after the county's boat arrived on the scene, a helicopter piloted by Ron Garlick crashed into the lake. Deputy Lou Boyles, who was close by, witnessed the accident.

The pilot exited the craft and started swimming for shore, but the other member of the crew, Jay Bugli, was spotted sinking below the surface of the water. When the deputy came to his assistance, Bugli was about six feet under the surface. Boyles reached down with the boat hook and snagged the sinking man.

In the mean time, Ron Garlick was being helped ashore by local property owner Don Martin and firefighter Clyde Albright.

For his part in the rescue, Ron Nelson was presented with a knife from Forest Supervisor Bill Morden and the Bonner County Marine Deputy Unit with the inscription, "In appreciation of your efforts in the rescue of the crew of Cobra 209 AH, October 18, 1991." Nelson received an additional award from Forest Service Chief Dale Robertson for his decision to have the sheriff's boat patrol the lake, without which Jay Bugli would most certainly have drowned.

Albright and Martin were given engraved knives as well. Lou Boyles received a knife and a framed print with the inscription, "In appreciation of the highest order of public service—the saving of a life. October 18, 1991."

Hank Dawson

*by J. D. Coleman, Public Affairs Specialist
Flathead National Forest*

Hank Dawson, fisheries biologist for the Flathead National Forest, and Bud Clinch, staff forester for the Montana Logging Association, have earned the Danny On Conservation Award for 1991.

That's the bare bones data, a few words representing years of dedication to a conservation and environmental ethic.

The excellence of the fisheries program on the Flathead National Forest is directly attributable to a 16-year labor of love by Hank Dawson. When Dawson came to the Forest in 1975, he took over an embryonic fisheries program that had unlimited potential but was critically short on resources. His efforts to improve fish habitat with those limited resources required him to be extremely innovative in generating volunteer assistance to accomplish the work program. He has also been an effective spokesman for fisheries concerns, both with the public as well as with other resource managers on the Forest.

As part of his personal vision of a highly developed fisheries program on the Flathead, Dawson developed a monitoring program that facilitated accurate assessments of the trends in fish populations and habitats. His reporting format has been emulated by other resource areas in presenting data for the annual Forest monitoring report.

Also a recipient of the Danny On Award was Bud Clinch, recognized for his leadership in conservation within the timber industry. His major effort has been to acquaint a cross-section of timber industry people, on-the-ground loggers, and landowners with the details of Best Management Practices, State guidelines used to direct forest activities and protect water quality.



Hank Dawson shown with his wife Lois



Dana Field, Steve Shelly and Wayne Phillips, conducting sensitive plant surveys.

Conservation Efforts on Lewis and Clark Commended

*by Bonnie Dearing, Public Information Officer
Lewis and Clark National Forest*

The Lewis and Clark National Forest recently received conservation awards from the Forest Service Regional Office for two of its programs, the Sensitive Plant Program and the Beartree Challenge Project.

Acting Regional Forester John Hughes presented the Northern Region Centennial Conservation Awards to a Forest representative at the Regional Leadership Team meeting December 19. Hughes complimented Lewis and Clark personnel for their use of challenge cost-share agreements in conducting the two programs.

The Sensitive Plant Program is headed by Forest ecologist Wayne Phillips and botanist Dana Field. The work involves surveys for "sensitive," or rare plants, conducted by Forest employees and utilizing a challenge cost share agreement with the Montana Natural Heritage Program. Support work is provided by volunteers from the local Audubon Society chapter and the Montana Native Plant Society.

The information gained through the program has been used by the Forest Service in project planning and by the Montana Natural Heritage Program in building a data base of distribution, abundance, and genetic variability of rare plants in Montana.

The Beartree Challenge Project, headed by Rock Mountain District wildlife biologist Seth Diamond, is in the second year of a five-year partnership with the Montana timber industry to expand grizzly bear foraging habitat and to improve public understanding of grizzly bear habitat management. The project has the cooperation of the State of Montana and the support of environmental groups, educators, and local ranchers.

New Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Custer

*by Arlis C. Waltos, Secretary, Supervisor's Office
Custer National Forest*

Custer National Forest Supervisor Curtis Bates announced that Louise A. Odegard has been named deputy forest supervisor. She will serve the Custer from her present location in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Odegard's new duties will include participation in the activities of the Custer National Forest relative to Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. She will also coordinate the activities on the Grasslands for North and South Dakota as liaison with the heads of State agencies, local groups, and congressional offices, as well as the governor's office in the two states.

An 18-year veteran of the Forest Service, Odegard has worked for the agency in New Mexico, Missouri, California, Minnesota, and Washington, D. C. In June 1989 she moved to North Dakota upon her appointment as Dakota's external relations coordinator with the Custer National Forest.

February is Black History Month. For details on related activities sponsored by the Forest Service Regional Office, contact Jackie Myers, Federal Women's Program Manager, Personnel Management, 329-3170, FTS 585-3170, DG ROIA.

January 20 is the day the nation honors Martin Luther King, Jr., born January 15, 1929.

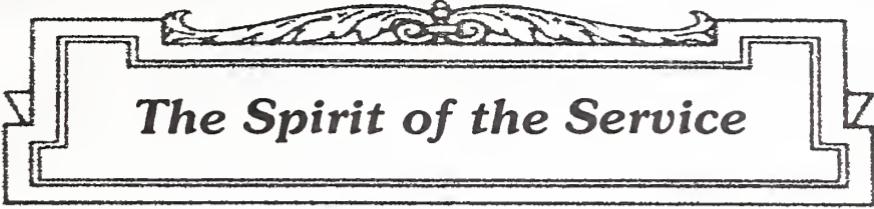
"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed; 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood....I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope."

*Martin Luther King, Jr.
from his speech at the March on Washington, 1963.*

James Koraes

March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, 1965





The Spirit of the Service

The Forest Service came into existence February 1, 1905. But the essential part of it had been growing for seven years before the Transfer Act put into its hands the work it was ready and waiting to do. Technically, the Forest Service had no legal existence before 1905. Practically it dates from 1898, when the men who created it began to enter the Government Service.

You may have an organization built along the lines of the best practice of the day; it may be perfect in every detail, polished, rounded, equipped with all the physical means of doing its work; but unless the spirit is there what you have is worthless. Like an engine without steam, it may look well, but it will do no work. The essential thing in the Forest Service is now and always was the spirit of the men. What made it what it is was were the long years of high devotion to the best ideals of loyal service to the common good by men like Henry S. Graves, whom I rejoice to have as my successor; Overton W. Price, to-whom more than to any other man the Forest Service owes its present efficiency; Coert Dubois, whose ideal of what the Forest Service should be and do gives him the divine discontent without which men drop into ruts and petrify; Charles H. Shinn, to whom the Service was a religion and from whom many a younger man caught the ideals which made him a member of the Service in spirit and in truth.

And these are only a few. There were at first tens, then hundreds, then thousands who gave, and are giving, the best that is in them to the common purpose and the common need, who love the work because they know its meaning, because they see the end from the beginning, because the ideal of public service has gripped them, because their lives belong less to themselves than to the commonwealth.

These men were the founders of the Service, and they are renewing its spirit, its strength, and its marvelous usefulness year by year.

When the spirit which these men carry with them dies, the Service will be dead. So long as they and their successors live and do their work with the same high loyalty, the Service will never die.

The Forest Service is greater than any man or any group of men within it. It is as great as the vital interest of the people of the United States. The ideals which it holds, by which it lives, and which it spreads throughout the land contain the vital principles which this Nation must adopt if it is to survive and prosper.

I congratulate you of the Service because there is nowhere a piece of work better worth doing than yours.

Gifford Pinchot
May 1917

Taking a Global View



by Dale Gorman, Forest Supervisor
Lewis and Clark National Forest

Today's ecological problems demand a broader view than administrative and political boundaries. In 1990, Congress and the President recognized this need and passed legislation that greatly expands and strengthens the Forest Service's role in international resource management.

The Lewis and Clark National Forest has taken the first step in tearing down Forest boundary walls by developing the Conservation Ambassadors initiative to respond to international needs. Conservation Ambassadors is a pilot program that links the Lewis and Clark National Forest with "partner" land managers and educators in Belize, Central America. The first "ambassadors," Terri Marceron, Seth Diamond and Dale Gorman, traveled to Belize in December. During the trip, Dale Gorman and Chief Forester of Belize Earl Green signed a Memorandum of Cooperation between the two partners.

Each year Lewis and Clark National Forest employees and our partners in Belize will identify at least one cooperative venture. This year, it will be crew-level firefighter training. Typically, projects will require a group of Conservation Ambassadors to spend 1-3 weeks in the host country. Ideally, Lewis and Clark and Belizean Conservation Ambassadors will both have the opportunity to visit host countries at least once every other year.

To expand the depth and scope of Conservation Ambassador activities in Belize, the Lewis and Clark National Forest will be collaborating with the University of Montana. In February 1991, the University laid the groundwork for a partnership between UM, University College of Belize, Belizean Government Ministries, and private conservation organizations (Programme for Belize, Belize Audubon Society and Belize Center for Environmental Studies). The Forest committed to this project via a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the president of UM and Forest Supervisor Dale Gorman in April 1991. Professors Jill Belsky, Don Potts and Steve McCool from the University of Montana were part of the December trip.

While the "ambassadors" were in Belize, meetings were held with the Ministry of Industry and Natural Resources staff, Chief Forester Earl Green, Conservation Officers, the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation Secretary, the University College of Belize staff and other non-government partners.

Before departing for home, the group visited Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Station and the Rio Bravo Preserve, Programme For Belize. Programme For Belize is a partnership of conservation and government agencies interested in the wise use of natural resources and the protection of habitat for native fauna including neo-tropical migratory birds. We may even have seen a bird hatched in Montana last summer, as a Belted

Kingfisher or two looked familiar. Areas like Mt Pine Ridge and Rio Bravo will help assure that many birds that winter in the tropics will have the habitat and food needed for survival and strength to make the return flight north.

Conservation Ambassadors is designed as a model for collaborative and sustainable international resource management. We envision this effort as the ideal vehicle for initiating the National Forest System and International Forestry into the realm of international resource management.

Brazilians Visit the Helena

by Mesia Nyman, Assistant Ranger, Helena Ranger District
and Maggie Pittman, Public Affairs Specialist
Helena National Forest



Brazilian ecologists at the Beaver Creek access site on the banks of the Missouri, an excellent area for viewing wildlife. Presentations were made by Helena District Resource Assistant Chuck Neal and Wildlife Biologist Alan Dohman on wilderness and wildlife management.

A group of 25 amateur ecologists belonging to the Association of Ecologists of Sao Paulo, Brazil, paid a brief visit to the Helena Ranger District this past October as part of a quest for resource management information throughout the United States. They are associated with a private, non-profit organization, Friendship Force, which brings people together through citizen exchanges.

The diversity of background, generation, gender, and culture made for an interesting visit with our new Brazilian friends. Ranging in age from 30 to 80, the group was made up of students, farmers, and resource managers with a special interest in natural resource management.

By the close of the day's visit, cultural differences that seemed obvious at the outset had all but disappeared as we came to understand the similarities in our personal and professional lives.

New Procedure to Monitor Plants

by Jill Blake, Botanist
Idaho Panhandle National Forests



The Forest Service recently adopted a new and creative procedure to evaluate plant population dynamics. Last year in September, seven monitoring plots were established on the Priest Lake Ranger District in a population of deerfern (*Blechnum spicant*), classified in Region 1 as a "sensitive" or rare plant. Employed in the project was actually a land survey tool commonly used by engineers and surveyors when measuring distances and establishing land boundaries.

Imagine physically counting individual plants within a set area and manually plotting each on a map, then recounting the plants year after year in the same manner. This kind of technique will generally give the researcher the information needed, but the process can be very slow and difficult to duplicate each time accurately.

Jim Mans, Brad Bleckwenn and Mike Phillips, land surveyors with the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF), and I manned and operated the surveying instrument; one person at the instrument and one or two within the plot holding "range poles." The base of the range pole is set upon each of the individual deerfern plants within the plot.

When the instrument cross hairs focus in on the prism at the top of the range pole, a button is pushed and an infrared beam measures the distance between the instrument and the range pole. Each plant then has a unique x, y, and z coordinate along with a description and point number recorded on a handheld data recorder. This information is placed on a personal computer where it is organized, managed, and mapped in AutoCad (computerized graphic aid) which ultimately produces a series of plot maps that show the number of plants and their relationship to each other within the plot.

The Forest Service has recognized the importance of maintaining the biological diversity of natural species found on National Forest lands. Threatened, endangered and sensitive plants and animals are a part of this diversity, and though controversial at times, the importance of each member of the forest community is seen as an integral part of a healthy, productive ecosystem.

The monitored deerfern, located in a timber sale area west of Priest Lake, is one of only four populations known in the IPNF. Portions of the population have been affected by past timber harvest activity. Observing these plants through time using this highly accurate method will provide valuable information about the effects of timber management on deerfern and its habitat. The success of the procedure will surely have wider application in other similar projects.

by Jack de Golia, Public Affairs Specialist

Beaverhead National Forest

Motherhood at Trout Lake

Wade Lake is a long, narrow blue jewel, nestled between upthrust blocks of rock, 40 miles south of Ennis, Montana. The lake's water comes from snow and rain but mainly from a spring at its south end. One biologist for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks said it's the largest spring not on a hatchery in the state. And, it's some of the purest water found anywhere in Montana.

For years, the department has stocked the lake with rainbow and brown trout. Anglers enjoyed them, but the trout couldn't spawn and sustain themselves in the lake. The spring water cascades 40 feet or so down a rocky slope. And there are no creeks flowing into the lake.

In 1990, the Forest Service and the Department undertook a feasibility study to see if it would be possible to build a trout spawning stream. Then we could all watch the fish maintain their own fishery!

The study was done and laid out the plans for a 600-foot-channel using natural materials. The cost would be about \$68,000. Some \$30,000 was to come from State funds and the remainder from the Forest Service.

Work started in September 1991 and was completed by the first part of October. The result: a meandering stream

Wade Lake



channel, with an uneven gravelly bottom. There are riffles and pools: places to hide and challenging water for eager fish. At the mouth of the channel is a concrete fish ladder where the trout will fight their way up to enter the channel.

So, the scene is set. Some fish even jumped the gun and inspected the channel late last fall. If all goes well, in March 1992, the first trout will enter the stream and lay eggs. Eventually the Beaverhead's Madison Ranger District staff hopes to put in a viewing platform so visitors of all ages can watch the age-old marvel of life begetting life.

And all it took was a good idea and some cooperation for a work of mankind to benefit another species.

Getting the "BIG PICTURE" on the Deerlodge

by Palmer Bowen,
NEPA Assistant, Butte Ranger District
Deerlodge National Forest



The Task Group observing the landscape of the north end of the Flint Mountain Range.

Deerlodge Forest personnel are presently tackling a problem which has plagued natural resource managers for years—defining the appropriate area size and timespan that should be used to determine the environmental effects of various projects. A Landscape Ecology (LE) group was formed in May 1990 to address this problem and to help guide the Forest Service in managing sustainable ecological systems.

Members of the group include John Joy, ecologist; Barry Bollenbacher, forest silviculturist/East Zone TMA; Jina Mariani, wildlife biologist; Sam Gilbert, Helena Zone silviculturist; Frank Russell, fire management specialist; Boje Nielsen, landscape architect; Eric Tolf, range specialist; Dave Ruppert, soils scientist; Tim Sullivan, hydrologist; Brian Sanborn, fisheries biologist; and Richard Periman, archaeologist.

The Forest was divided into 28 "landscapes," defined by a combination of geomorphic, watershed, vegetative and visual characteristics. Boundaries were drawn irrespective of districts and in some instances encompassed land outside of the Forest. Of the 28 landscapes, the North Flint Range was chosen as a model to develop the landscape level analysis procedures.

Historical vegetation maps were made to provide a baseline from which to measure the level of change to the natural environment. Three maps were made: 1880, the year of the last major fire in the area, for a look at historical conditions and the past role of natural occurrences such as fire; 1950, prior to major timber harvest and fire suppression; and the current 1991 vegetative patterns. Historical and existing grazing, mining and road building will also be examined using the R-I GIS-SPATIAL program.

Although the study is in the early stages, more questions than answers have been generated and implications are just beginning to be explored. The Forest Service has been accused of only maintaining sustainable systems for timber production. However, management of fish and wildlife, visual qualities, and the use of fire are other issues which the agency considers in land management.

The LE analysis process may provide answers to questions about historical species assemblages, populations and habitat capacities, fragmentation of wildlife populations and habitat that might already be naturally fragmented, the need/sizes and shapes of wildlife corridors and what types of old growth are needed for dependent species. Implications of fire prevention for 80 years and domestic livestock grazing for 130 years on succession, riparian areas and the potential for future catastrophic wildfire are being explored and understood.

group decided that everyone on the Deerlodge Forest needed to get out on the ground to appreciate these concepts. In addition to asking a wide variety of questions about sustainable ecosystems, employees discussed other issues affecting the landscape study, such as public demands for services on forest lands, maintaining habitat for all species and not just big game, and how to best involve the general public and special interests in the process.

"This is how we will be doing business on the Deerlodge Forest," stated Forest Supervisor Van Elsbernd. "Managing for sustainable ecosystems is the future, and the best way toward managing our natural resources for future generations."

Guides for Skiers and Snowmobilers

by Madelyn Kempf, Public Affairs Specialist
Bitterroot National Forest

A new map is now available for cross-country skiers giving trail descriptions and even a bit of history for the Chief Joseph/Lost Trail Pass area.

The maps are free and available at the following: all Bitterroot National Forest District Offices; the Forest Supervisor's Office, Hamilton; the Wisdom Ranger District; North Fork Ranger District, Idaho; the Big Hole Battlefield Visitor Center; the Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce Office in Hamilton; and the Regional Office in Missoula.

A brochure on snowmobile trails in the Darby and Sula Ranger Districts has also just been issued and is available at the Regional Office in Missoula; Bitterroot National Forest District Offices; and various surrounding ranger district offices.

For more information on the two brochures, call or write the Bitterroot National Forest, 1801 North First St., Hamilton, MT (406) 363-3131.

Directories (showing trail names, location, difficulty ratings, information offices and additional trail information) of all ski and snowmobile trails in the Northern Region are available from Forest Service Ranger Stations, National Forest headquarters and the Northern Region headquarters (Federal Bldg., P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807; telephone 406/329-3511).



Record Set for Charitable Contributions

by Jim Hedges, Timber Valuation Specialist
Regional Office

Forest Service employees and retirees in Missoula county contributed \$41,483 in its five week annual fund raiser which ended November 30. The \$41,483 exceeded the goal of \$37,500 by 11% and represents a 18% increase over last year. The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) allows employees to support over 600 national and 40 local charities.

Each year a different employee is selected to be CFC chairperson. This year the job was handled by Jim Hedges, a timber valuation specialist in the Regional Office.

The Missoula County's Forest Services employees and retirees were divided into twenty three units. Two of these units had 100% participation in the campaign—the Wilderness, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Staff Unit and the Regional Forester's Office. The group with the highest average donation was the Office of General Counsel.

The Nez Perce Adopts a Family



by Judy York, Information Assistant
Nez Perce National Forest

December 20 was a fun day for employees who wrapped presents as part of the "Adopt a Family" program. The local Welfare Office determined a family in need and provided sizes and ages of each family member to the Nez Perce National Forest. (The family's name, however, was kept confidential.) Forest employees who wished to participate brought a gift. The generosity of people of the Nez made it a happy holiday for all.

Retirement News

Walter L. "Mick" DeZell, retired 01-03-92 after 36 years in fire management with the Forest Service. His positions included: laborer in 1954 on the Moose Creek RD; district dispatcher on the West Fork RD; promoted to forest dispatcher and later forest fire management officer, Bitterroot Supervisor's Office.

Robert C. "Bob" Miller, forestry technician for the Cabinet RD, Kootenai NF, retired 01-03-92 after 31 years with the Forest Service. Miller, 56, began his career with the agency at the Bonners Ferry RD, Idaho Panhandle NF's in 1958. He has also worked at the former Noxon RD, now within the Kootenai NF; in Region 6 at Mt. Hood NF; at the Clark Fork and Sandpoint RD's within the Idaho Panhandle NF's.

Edward W. "Nick" Nicholson, dispatcher at the Bitterroot NF Supervisor's Office, retired 01-03-92 after 31 years with the Forest Service. Nicholson began work for the agency in 1960 at the Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula as a smokejumper; transferred to the Bitterroot in 1970 as a dispatcher on the Darby RD; and assumed his position as a dispatcher on the Bitterroot in 1985.

Donald E. Scheline, land surveyor with the Bitterroot NF, retired 01-03-92. His first permanent job in his 32 years with the Forest Service was with the engineering department on the Coeur D'Alene NF in 1961. He later became district engineer for the Darby RD in 1969; district engineer at the Bitterroot Supervisor's Office in 1978; and in 1984 land surveyor for the Bitterroot.

John H. "Jack" Thompson, assistant director of Timber, Cooperative Forestry and Pest Management for R-1, retired 01-03-92. He secured his first permanent position with the Forest Service in 1964 as a plant pathologist in Region 6. Since that time he worked in several regions in a variety of jobs, including that of staff assistant to the director of the Southeastern Area State & Private Forestry in Atlanta; systems management specialist, Cooperative Forestry in the Washington office; budget coordination staff assistant to the deputy chief of the Forest Service for State & Private Forestry.

In 1982, Thompson came to R-1 as the staff director for Cooperative Forestry and Pest Management, responsible for cooperative forestry involving private and state forestry and insect and disease management in the Northern Region.

Dena D. Williams, assistant to the regional forester for civil rights, retired 01-10-92, after 28 years with the Forest Service. A native of Sheridan, Wyoming, Williams first worked for the agency on the Shoshone NF from 1964-74. Subsequent assignments include: personnel officer, Shoshone and Bighorn NF's; personnel management specialist, Rocky Mountain regional headquarters, Denver; regional recruitment officer (1977-81) and equal opportunity specialist (1981-82) at the Northern Region headquarters office. She has headed the civil rights program for R-1 since 1982.



Dena Williams

Personnel Update

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

FINCHER, JIM, soil sci, SO, reassign, Lowman RD, Boise NF
KEMP, PHIL, TMA, Wisdom RD, reassign, Delores RD, San Juan NF

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

ALDINGER, BILL, frstry aid, Pierce RD, cash award
BONNEY, BYRON, suprvy frstry tech, SO, promotion, Forest Fire Staff Off
CARROLL, BUDDIE, frstry tech, Pierce RD, cash award
CREASER, JEAN, SCSEP, SO, cash award
FRAZIER, JOYCE, frstry tech, Pierce RD, cash award
GIESEY, MIKE, frstr, Pierce RD, cash award
GILBERT, VALE, frstr, Pierce RD, cash award
HARDING, TAMMY, frstry tech, Pierce RD, cash award
HOWARD, DEBBIE, frstry tech, Pierce RD, cash award
KEY, NSHARRA, info recept, Powell RD, resignation
KNUTSON, MELVIN, civ eng, SO, cash award
MEEK, JUDY, resour asst, Palouse RD, cash award
MURPHY, PAT, wldf biol, Pierce RD, cash award
PALMER, BRIAN, frstr, Pierce RD, cash award
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PIERSON, PAT, info recep, Lochsa RD, reassign, off
RASMUSSEN, BARBARA, mail/file clk, reassignme
RILEY, MARGARET, frstry aid, Pierce RD, cash award
ROACH, DEAN, civ eng tech, SO, cash award
ROUNDS, BRENDA, resour clk, Palouse RD, cash award
SWEET, DALE, mtnce wkr, Powell RD, promotion, carpenter, RO, ENG
TUCKER, GAYLE, frstry tech, Pierce RD, cash award
UPTON, EDNA, SSS, Palouse RD, transfer out, Corps of
WAGGONER, JENNIFER, frstr, North Fork RD, cash award
WEDDLE, DARRELL, frstry tech, Pierce RD, cash award
WEST, MARION, frstry tech, Pierce RD, cash award

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

BURKENPAS, ANNA, clk typ, SO, cash award
GOWAN, NANCY, supp serv supv, SO, cash award
HANCOCK, PATT, pers clerk, SO, promotion
HAYES, PAUL, civ eng tech, SO, cash award
HAYNES, DARLYNE, info recept, SO, cash award
KRACHT, DICK, frstr/plng, SO, cash award
MOSBY, CINDY, comp asst, SO, cash award
PARRENT, SANDY, bus mgmt asst, Big Timber RD, cash award
ROE, JOAN, bus mgmt clk, SO, cash award
STEIN, COLLEEN, comp clk, SO, cash award

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

ANDERSON, ELLEN, career cond appt, resour clk, Avery RD
ANDING, MAURICE, cash award, SO
ARRHENIUS, TAMMI, eng drftsman, reassign, civ eng tech, St. Maries RD
BACKMAN, MARGARET, promotion, wldf biol, Fernan RD
BARTLETT, JAMES, frstry tech, promotion, suprvy frstr tech, Avery RD
BEACH, WILLIAM, perf award, St. Maries RD
BRIDGEMAN, LINDA, perf award, St. Maries RD
BRIGGS, RONALD, perf award, SO
BUCK, LINDA, perf award, St. Maries RD
CHRISTEN, L. ERIC, cash award, frstr oprtr, Coeur d'Alene Nursery
CHRISTMAN, ALLEN, cash award, suprvy frstr, Bonners Ferry RD
COOK, CAROL, promotion, procurement clk, SO
D'ANDREA, JAMES, cash award, frstr oprtr, Coeur d'Alene Nursery
DOHMEN, ALAN, reassign, wldf biol, Sandpoint RD
DOUGHERTY, WENDY, stu trainee (frstry), career cond appt, frstry tech, St. Maries RD
DREISBACH, WILLIAM, perf award and reassign, civ eng tech, St. Maries RD
EATON, WILLIAM, perf award, St. Maries RD
GARRINGER, DONALD, frstr, promotion, suprvy frstr, Wallace RD
GREEN, ARLENE, cash award, SO
GRUNDEN, KATHRYN, career cond appt, off auto clk, SO
HARRINGTON, PAUL, cash award, SO
HOSACK, DAVID, cash award, biol aid, Coeur d'Alene Nursery
HUFF, WALLACE, cash award, SO
IVERSON, RONALD, perf award, SO
KAPPESSER, GARY, cash award, SO
KLARICH, ROBERT, cash award, frstr, Bonners Ferry RD
LUNDT, EDWARD, perf award, St. Maries RD
MCCORD, BRENDA, perf award, St. Maries RD
MCCORD, CHARLES, perf award, St. Maries RD
MARYOTT, DOUGLAS, cash award, SO
MEAD, WILLIAM, exc cond appt, SCSEP, Fernan RD
MOTTERN, JOHN, cash award, biol aid, Coeur d'Alene Nursery
MOWREADER, LEE, perf award, St. Maries RD
PARKER, WILLIAM, QSI and cash award, lead frstry tech, Bonners Ferry RD
PEARCE, MARY, perf award, SO
POORBOY, ANNA MARIE, perf award, SO
PORT, RALPH, perf award, St. Maries RD
ROBBINS, ROBERT, perf award, St. Maries RD
RYBERG, GREGORY, cash award, land surveyor, Sandpoint RD
SHERIDAN, PATRICK, QSI, suprvy frstr, Fernan RD
SHANAHAN, KELLY, cash award, hydrgst, Bonners Ferry RD
STEINHORST, ROBERT, cash award, suprvy frstr, Bonners Ferry RD
STRANAHAN, CAROL, res clk, promotion, res asst, Avery RD
SULLIVAN, SUSAN, cash award, bio tech plants, Coeur d'Alene Nursery
SUMNER, MARTHA, cash award, bio tech plants, Coeur d'Alene Nursery

SVENSRUD, MARY, promotion, procurement clk, SO
SYTH, GARY, cash award, svy tech, Sandpoint RD
TENSMEYER, GREGORY, cash award, SO
VORE, MARY LYNN, purch agt, cash award, Sandpoint RD
WEBER, GARY, frstry tech, QSI, Priest Lake RD
WILLIAMS, FRANK, perf award, St. Maries RD
WILSON, WENDY, reassign, civ eng tech, Avery RD
ZACK, ARTHUR, cash award, SO

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

BARRETT, MARTHA, acctg tech, SO, spec act
BILLOW, H.J., lbrer lead, Rexford RD, spec act
BILLS, MICHAEL, contract spec, SO, sup perf
BOHN, BRYCE, frstr, Fortine RD, spec act
CADMUS, SHAWN, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
CARLIN, ROBERT, frstr, Fortine RD, qsi
CARVEY, STEVE, lbrer, Rexford RD, spec act
CASS, MICHAEL, range conserv, Rexford RD, spec act
CHAPEL, MARILYN, CET, West Zone Engrg, reassign
CLARAHAN, JOHN, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, promotion
CLAY, DAVID, frstr, R6, MT Baker Snoq, reassign, Cabinet RD
COHEN, MATTHEW, frstry aid, Rexford RD, spec act
CROSS, BERNARD, lbrer, Rexford RD, spec act
DESY, PEGGY, budg & acctg anal, SO, spec act
DUEKER, ANNE, wldf biol, Rexford RD, spec act
FLANNIGAN, JAMES, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, QSI
FLOCH, JESSALYN, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
GENTRY, BOBBY, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
HAIDLE, RITA, frstry aid, Rexford RD, spec act
HARRIS, PAULA, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
HEMRY, LUCINDA, archeol, Rexford RD, spec act
HEYN, ERIC, frstr, Rexford RD, sup perf
HOLDER, WILLA, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
JORGENSEN, LEROY, blfr off, SO, spec act
KAISER, KIRSTEN, stu trainee (frstry), Rexford RD, sup perf
KELSEY, JUDY, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, promotion
KOMAC, RONALD, biol tech, Rexford RD, spec act
KREITLER, JUNE, supv acct tech, SO, spec act
LAMPTON, LINDA, comp prog anal, SO, sup perf
LARSON, GLENDA, dupl equip oper, SO, sup perf
LOCKE, KIRSTEN, stu trainee (frstry), Rexford RD, spec act
LOROS, MILTON, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act
LUCE, ELEANOR, procurement clk, SO, spec act
LUNDEEN, JANET, CET, West Zone Engrg, reassign
MCDOLE, RONALD, ld frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
MCMARRELL, CURTIS, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
MIDYETT, PATRICIA, acctg tech, SO, spec act
NELSON, NEIL, frstry tech, Rexford RD, sup perf
NELSON, SUE, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
NICHOLS, VIRGINIA, supv budg & acctg anal, SO, spec act
NIXON, DANIEL, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
NYGAARD, TWILA, acct tech, SO, spec act
PALIGA, JOYCE, procurement clk, SO, spec act
PATTERSON, JOLLADEANE, frstry aid, Rexford RD, spec act
PETERSON, MARGE, pers asst, SO, sup perf
RIGHTER, MARY, acct tech, SO, spec act
ROLOFF, DAVID, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
SANCHEZ, FRANCISCO, wldf biol, Three Rivers Rd, promo
SAWYER, DERRYL, frstry aid, Rexford RD, spec act
SCHREIBER, CARMEN, frstry aid, Rexford RD, spec act
SEGRAVES, BARBARA, comp prog anal, SO, sup perf
SMITH, GARY, SSS, SO, sup perf
TANGEN, TERRI, pers asst, SO, sup perf
TAYLOR, PEGGY, resour asst, SO, spec act
THOMPSON, ROBERT, forest geol, SO, qsi
TINCHER, DONALD, info resour mgr, Fortine RD, sup perf
WALLACE, KANE, frstry aid, Three Rivers RD, spec act
WATTS, MICHAEL, suprvy comp spec, SO, sup perf
WEBB, BERNARD, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
WHALEY, CAROLYN, frstry tech, Rexford RD, spec act
WICKA, MONTE, CET, West Zone Eng, reassign, East Zone Eng
WORKMAN, MICHAEL, lbrer, Rexford RD, spec act

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

APPLEGATE, VICTOR, cash award, frstr, SO
BENTON, LINDA, QSI & cash award, comp prog anal, SO
BLAYLOCK, HOLLY, cash award, info recept, Superior
BOLLER, AUDREY, cash award, procur asst, SO
BURTON, JACK, cash award, pers off, SO
COMBS, DOUGLAS, cash award, purch agt, SO
CONROW, CLARK, Vernon Valach Memorial Award, frstry tech, Superior RD
DALEY, DIANNE, cash award, frstr, Ninemile RD
ERICKSON, LORI, cash award, frstr, SO
ECK, JOYCE, cash award, res clk, SO
ELMSTROM, DEREK, cash award, frstry tech, Superior RD
ELMSTROM, KEVIN, cash award, frstry tech, Ninemile RD
ENYEART, KAY, cash award, info recept, Seeley Lake RD
FAIRBANKS, HUBERT, cash award, lbrer, Missoula RD
FELDBRUGGE, RICHARD, cash award, frstry tech, Superior RD
FLYNN, CAROLYN, cash award, pers asst, SO
FORTENBERRY, ELLEN, QSI, suprvy res spec, SO

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FOX, WILLIAM, crim invstr, SO, promotion
 FRANKLIN, BARBARA, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 FURROW, KEN, cash award, biol tech, SO
 GARNER, DOUG, cash award, frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 GOSSARD, BOYD, cash award, supvy frstry tech, Seeley Lake RD
 GOYN, LANNY, cash award, biol tech, SO
 GRADY, COLLEEN, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 GREEN, SANDRA, cash award, off auto dk, Superior RD
 GUTHNECK, MIKE, cash award, frstr, Superior RD
 HAGER, STEIG, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 HAMILTON, JOHN, QSI, frstry tech, Plains RD
 HAWORTH, ROB, cash award, frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 HEGMAN, CHARLES, cash award, civ eng tech, Lolo Eng Zone
 HELLEN, JOAN, cash award, stu trainee (landscape), SO
 HERMAN, RITA, cash award, SSS, Seeley Lake RD
 HOGAN, MARCIA, QSI, public aff spec, SO
 HOLDEN, MOLLIE, cash award, purch agt, SO
 HOLLAND, MYRON, cash award, frstry tech, Superior RD
 IPPISCH, CAROL, QSI, resour asst, Superior RD
 JOHNSON, HARLAN, cash award, contr spclst, SO
 JOHNSON, LARRY, cash award, supvy frstr, Ninemile RD
 JOHNSON, RAY, cash award, drill rig oper, SO
 JORGENSEN, STACY, cash award, biol aid, Ninemile RD
 JUDGE, DICK, cash award, supvy civ eng, Missoula Eng Zone
 KARKANEN, STEVE, cash award, supvy frstry tech, Missoula RD
 KLINKHAMMER, SHARON, cash award, frstr, Missoula RD
 KOPP, STAN, cash award, supvy frstry tech, Missoula RD
 JUDGE, RICHARD, supvy civ eng, Lolo Eng Zone, promotion, Beaverhead NF
 KOPPENOL, PATRICIA, QSI, frstr, Superior RD
 KRAMER, RICHARD, cash award, fish biol, SO
 KREIS, LAURIE, cash award, off auto dk, Ninemile RD
 LEHMANN, ROBERT, cash award, supvy contr spec, SO
 LEIGHTON, GEORGE, cash award, supvy frstr, SO
 LAMBRECHT, CHERI, cash award, frstr, Plains RD
 LANGE-NAVARRO, RISA, cash award, supvy frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 LINJALA, EDWARD, QSI & cash award, frstr, SO
 LUMPRY, DUANE, QSI, ld frstry tech, Missoula RD
 McNAB, JOAN, cash award, supvy contr spec, SO
 MAILLET, LYNNEE, cash award, supvy frstry tech, Superior RD
 MAY, HERSHEL, cash award, frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 MEADOWS, RENTTA, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 MOLES, DENIS, cash awards, supvy frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 MONACO, ANGIE, cash award, pers asst, SO
 NICHOLS, ED, cash award, frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 NINEMAN, FRANCINE, cash award, pers asst, SO
 NOEL, MIKE, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 ODEGARD, PETE, cash award, div eng tech, Missoula Eng Zone
 OELIG, BILL, frstry tech, Ninemile RD, reassign, Seeley Lake RD
 ORR, ERNIE, cash award, drill rig oper, SO
 ORTEGON, ROLLY, cash award, supvy frstr, Seeley Lake RD
 PARRISH, DEBBIE, cash award, frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 PARTAKER, EVELYN, cash award, supvy pers asst, SO
 PENGELLY, MARK, cash award, frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 PARTYKA, PATRICIA, QSI, frstry tech, Plains RD
 PETERS, MARLENE, cash award, acct tech, SO
 PORTER, NANCY, frstr, Ninemile RD, QSI & promotion, reg fire preven spclst, R-5 RO
 QUAN, HUNG, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 REEL, SUSAN, wildl biol, SO, promotion
 REYNOLDS, JANET, cash award, ld frstry tech, Ninemile RD m; le RD
 ROBINSON, BYRON, cash award, ld frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 ROBINSON, RAY, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 RODGERS, NITA, QSI, pers mgmt spec, SO
 SAMSEL, CAL, cash award, animl packer, Ninemile RD
 SCHROCK III, WALTER, cash award, frstry tech, Superior RD
 SEIFFERT, GARY, cash awards, contr spec, SO
 SETZ, RICHARD, QSI & cash award, prog anal, SO
 SHAFFER, KAREN, frstr, Colville NF, reassignment,
 SHEETS, KAREN, QSI, frstry tech, Plains Rd
 SHIMADA, GERRY, cash award, supvy pers res anal,
 SHOEN, LZ, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 SLOAN, LARRY, cash award, frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 SMITH, ELAINE, cash award, comp asst, Superior RD
 SMITH, DICK, cash award, frstr (adm), Plains RD
 STAVRAN, SIG, cash award, supvy div eng, SO
 STENSRUD, REBECCA, QSI, secy, SO
 STEWART, FRED, cash award, econ, SO
 SUMMERFIELD, DALLAS, cash award, contr spec, SO
 THORPE, RANDY, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 THURMOND, CAROL, cash award, geol, SO
 VANDEWERKER, TED, cash award, budg & acct anal, SO
 VANDIEST, RHONDA, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 VARGA, KLARA, cash award, biol tech, Superior RD
 VINCENT, VIRGINIA, cash award, frstry tech, Ninemile RD
 WASSENKO-HOLLAND, MICHELE, cash award, ld frstry tech, Superior RD
 WEBSTER, NANCY, cash award, biol tech, Ninemile RD
 WILLIAMS, JERRY, cash award, supvy frstr, SO
 WILLIAMS, JERRY, supvy frstr, SO, promotion, fuels mgmt off, WO
 WILLIAMS, KIRSTEN, cash award, frstry aid, Ninemile RD
 WOLFNBARGER, JUDITH, procur clk, SO, promotion & cash award

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BABLER, BARBARA, fin asst, Red River RD, spec act award
 BLITON, DAN, frstr tech, Red River RD, perf award
 ELLIOTT, KEVIN, oper res analyst, SO, perf award
 HAYHURST, MARIE, resour clk, Elk City RD, promotion
 LEIDENFROST, KAREN, resour clk, Red River RD, perf award
 LINK, THOMAS, frstr, Red River RD, perf award
 PHILLIPS, SUSAN, frstr tech, Red River RD, spec act award
 SIMMONDS, LAURIE, frstr tech, Red River RD, perf award
 SMITH, MICHAEL, frstr tech, Red River RD, perf award
 THOMPSON, KATHERINE, fish biol, Salmon River RD, spec act
 WAGNER, KARINE, supp serv supv, Elk City RD, perf award

In Memoriam...

Bob Alexander, one of the Rocky Mountain Station's most productive scientists, was killed at his home Friday, January 10.

Alexander, who retired in 1988 as project leader and chief silviculturist after a 40-year career with the Rocky Mountain Station, was known and respected by the forestry community throughout the West for his practical research on how to manage Rocky Mountain forests. His long-term studies at the Fraser Experimental Forest in the Colorado Rockies provided much of the current basis for multiple-use wildland stewardship, particularly for spruce-fir and lodgepole pine forests.

The author of over a hundred technical publications during his career, Alexander was an internationally recognized silviculture authority who contributed to the development of the National Forest Management Act. He received a Life-Time Service Award from the Society of American Foresters, and was an adjunct professor of forestry at Colorado State University.

He is survived by his wife Jean, daughter Ann, son John, and a sister and mother in Wyoming.

Hal B. Gambs, 78, a retired employee of the Clearwater NF died of a stroke 09-19-91. His first job with the Forest Service was with the Gallatin NF. In 1945, he transferred to the Clearwater NF in Orofino where he was the administrative officer until his retirement in 1968.

Donald Redman, 54, died 01-09-92 in Tiburon, California, of complications caused by diabetes.

Redman was personnel officer for the Forest Service in San Francisco for the past 18 years and had planned to retire in western Montana.

Larnerd "Al" Williams, 84, died 12-11-91. He was first employed by the Forest Service in 1928 as a smoke chaser. In 1934 he became the district ranger for the Round Top RD in the St. Joe NF, transferring in 1934 to Jamestown, North Dakota, where he was assistant supervisor of the Shelter Belt Project. In 1942 he transferred to Salinas and Los Angeles, California, to work on the Guayla Rubber Project. After service in the U. S. Navy from 1942-45, Williams returned to the Forest Service at Round Top Ranger Station, where he worked until his retirement in 1951.

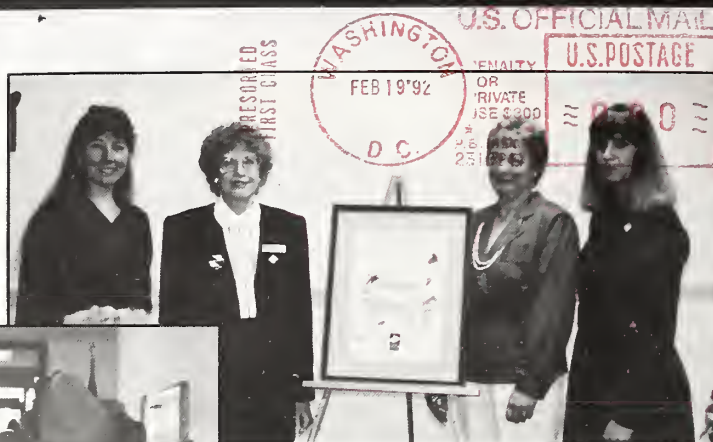
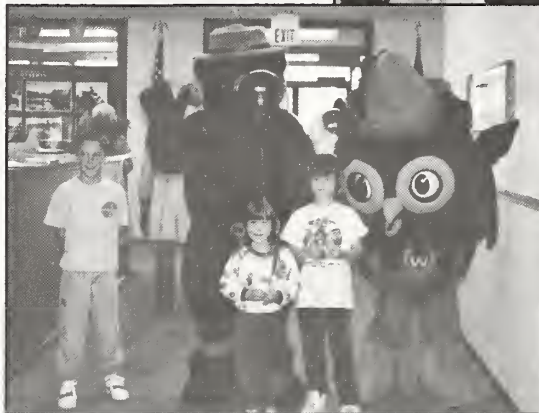
Bitterroot Supervisor's Office Opens Doors to Community

by Madelyn Kempf,
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Adding a festive touch, Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl handed out balloons to members of the community at the open house held at the Bitterroot Supervisor's Office November 15. The occasion—the completion of the new supervisor's office building!

Forest Supervisor Bertha Gillam greeted over 700 guests and answered questions about the building. Employees served as tour guides and Trapper Creek Job Corp Culinary Arts students prepared and served refreshments.

The highlight of the open house was the unveiling of the Bitterroot National Forest Centennial painting, commissioned from Stevensville artist Shirley McDonald.



At top, Centennial Coordinator Nan Christianson, Forest Supervisor Bertha Gillam, Ruth McDonald, and Evie Bradley. Bradley, with the Stevensville Ranger District, assisted with the Centennial project. At left, Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl greeting visitors.

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